## <u>Committee Name</u>: Assembly Committee – Rural Affairs and Forestry (AC–RAF)

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## Committee Meeting Attendance Sheet

## Assembly Committee on Rural Affairs and Forestry

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Rep. Stephen Freese				
Rep. Gabe Loeffelholz				
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#### **Assembly Bill 786**

Assembly Committee on Rural Affairs & Forestry

Department of Natural Resources Testimony Robert Mather, Forest Lands Section Chief Division of Forestry February 13, 2002

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

Good morning. My name is Bob Mather and I am the Forest Lands Section Chief of the Department of Natural Resources' Division of Forestry. I appreciate this opportunity to appear before you to discuss AB 786.

The Department of Natural Resources strongly supports AB 786 with an amendment to the current language. The bill changes the effective period of a County Forest Comprehensive Land Use plan from 10 to 15 years. This proposed statute change recognizes the complexity and the time necessary to develop a County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan. During the most recent round of 10-year plan development, a typical plan took over 3 years to develop. It is anticipated the next round of plans will take even longer to develop because of increasing public interest and the increase in available scientific data.

The Department would like to ask the committee to add additional statutory language to allow a county to amend the plan during the effective period of the plan. This provision was deleted from s. 28.11(5)(a) Wis. Stats. when lines 9 and 10 on page two were struck. Any amendment to the current plan should require both county and department approval. I would suggest adding the following language to s. 28.11(5)(a) "A plan may be revised as changing conditions require and shall be revised upon expiration of the plan.".

The Department urges this Committee to support AB 786 with the amendment I have outlined and advocate its passage by the Legislature.

I appreciate this opportunity to express the Department's support for AB 786 and would be glad to answer any questions you might have.





## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

### 2001 Assembly Bill 786

## **Assembly Amendment 1**

Memo published: February 15, 2002

Contact: David L. Lovell, Senior Analyst (266-1537)

Under *current law*, county forestry committees are required to prepare comprehensive county forest land use plans, covering a 10-year period. The plans must be approved by the county board and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Assembly Bill 786 extends the planning period that the plans must cover from 10 years to 15 years. In addition, it repeals obsolete language requiring initial plans to be completed by October 2, 1965. In what appears to be a drafting error, the bill also repeals adjacent language authorizing the revision of plans as changing conditions require, and requiring the revision of plans upon their expiration.

Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 786 restores the repealed language relating to the modification of plans. In addition, it creates a requirement that plan revisions be approved by the county board and the DNR. This requirement conforms with current practice.

On February 13, 2002, the Assembly Committee on Rural Affairs and Forestry recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 and passage of the bill, as amended, by votes of Ayes, 8; Noes. 0.

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